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SUBJECT: INFORMATION ON VIET-NAM RELIEF AND ADOPTION OF  
VIETNAMESE ORPHANS

FOLLOWING DEPARTMENT OF STATE MESSAGE REPEATED TO YOU FOR  
MAXIMUM DISTRIBUTION THROUGH YOUR CHANNELS:

BEGIN TEXT.

1. PRIVATE CITIZENS WISHING TO CONTRIBUTE (PREFERABLY CASH  
NOT COMMODITIES) FOR RELIEF ACTIVITIES IN VIET-NAM SHOULD  
MAKE CONTRIBUTION TO RECOGNIZED INTERNATIONAL HUMAN-  
ITARIAN ORGANIZATION, SUCH AS RED CROSS, UNICEF OR  
CATHOLIC CHARITIES; NATIONAL AGENCIES DOING RELIEF WORK  
IN VIET-NAM; OR AMERICAN VOLUNTARY AGENCIES. PARTIAL  
LIST OF U.S. VOLAGS FOLLOWS:

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICE, 1011 FIRST AVENUE,  
NEW YORK, NEW YORK 10022

CARE, INC., 660 FIRST AVENUE,  
NEW YORK, NEW YORK 10016

CHURCH WORLD SERVICE, 475 RIVERSIDE DRIVE  
NEW YORK, NEW YORK 10027

INTERNATIONAL RESCUE COMMITTEE, 386 PARK AVENUE  
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SOUTH NEW YORK, NEW YORK 10016

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF, 315 PARK AVENUE  
SOUTH NEW YORK, NEW YORK 10010

WORLD VISION RELIEF ORGANIZATION, 919 WEST HUNTINGTON  
DRIVE, MONROVIA, CALIFORNIA 91016

2. WITH REGARD TO ADOPTIONS THE ORPHAN AIRLIFT HAS BEEN COMPLETED AND AT THE PRESENT TIME THE GOVERNMENT OF VIET NAM (GVN) HAS NO PLANS FOR ANOTHER MASS EMIGRATION OF CHILDREN. THE MINISTER OF SOCIAL WELFARE HAS INFORMED EMBASSY HE PREPARED CONSIDER FURTHER ARRANGEMENTS WITH THE SEVEN LICENSED AGENCIES OPERATING IN VIET NAM. GVN NOT PREPARED TO CONSIDER INDIVIDUAL OR PRIVATE ARRANGEMENTS MADE WITH ORPHANAGES, PRIVATE PARTIES, OR ATTORNEYS.

THE SEVEN AGENCIES LICENSED IN VIET NAM HAVE BEEN FLOODED WITH REQUESTS FROM AMCITS ALREADY. WHILE SOME OF THESE AGENCIES PLACE CHILDREN FOR ADOPTION IN OTHER COUNTRIES THIS CAN ONLY BE DONE THROUGH AN AGENCY LICENSED IN THE COUNTRY OF THE PARENTS RESIDENCE AND WHICH HAS A CORRESPONDENT RELATIONSHIP WITH ONE OF THE U.S. AGENCIES. FOREIGN NATIONALS SHOULD THEREFORE BE DIRECTED TO ADOPTION AGENCIES IN THEIR OWN COUNTRIES. THE AGENCIES ABROAD WHICH MIGHT HANDLE PLACEMENTS OF VIETNAMESE CHILDREN ARE TERRES D' HOMMES, INTERNATIONAL SOCIAL SERVICES, AND CATHOLIC ORGANIZATIONS.

IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT THERE ARE FAR FEWER CHILDREN AVAILABLE FOR ADOPTION THAN THERE ARE FAMILIES WAITING FOR CHILDREN. FURTHERMORE, AMEMBASSY SAIGON IS NOT IN A POSITION TO INTERCEDE ON BEHALF OF FOREIGN GROUPS WISHING TO ADOPT CHILDREN. KISSINGER

END TEXT

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